

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph following the Cross Reference to Related Applications with the following paragraph –

GN --The present application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/SE99/01703, filed 27 September 1999 and published in English pursuant to PCT Article 21(2), now abandoned, and which claims priority to Swedish Application No. 9803314-5, filed 30 September 1998. The disclosures of both applications are expressly incorporated herein in their entirety.--

Please replace paragraph 23 of the Specification with the following paragraph –

GN --The steering-wheel 1 is made so that the hub 4 merges with a lower part of the shell 5 that extends round a longitudinal axis of the steering column 2. Furthermore, the lower part of the shell 5 merges with a ledge 6 with radial extension in relation to the axis. The ledge 6 merges in its turn with an upper part 7 of the shell. In this way, a bowl-shaped and shell-like structure is formed, in which the upper part of the shell 7 has greater outer dimensions than the lower part 5 of the shell. According to what will be clarified in detail below, the dimensions of parts 5, 7 of the shell and the ledge 6 are chosen to give the steering-wheel 1 its desired properties concerning, for example, energy absorption, natural frequency, strength and weight. In addition, according to what will be described below, the parts 5, 6, and 7 form a bowl-shaped element which preferably is arranged so that it encloses the components associated with a safety system which comprises an airbag (not shown in Figure 1).--

Please replace the Abstract of the Specification with the following Abstract –

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--An arrangement for a vehicle steering-wheel is taught. The arrangement includes a hub for fixing the steering wheel to a steering column, and a bowl-shaped element connected to the hub and having at least one spoke for connecting the bowl-shaped element to a steering-wheel rim. The hub, the bowl-shaped element and the spoke are preferably integrally formed as a single material item. The bowl-shaped element includes a casing for enclosing an airbag and inflating device for inflating the airbag in the event of a collision involving the vehicle. A wall section of the bowl-shaped element at least partly forms a part of the inflating device for the airbag. The improved arrangement for a vehicle steering-wheel contributes to reduced weight, an optimal utilization of the space adjacent to the steering-wheel hub and a high degree of comfort for the driver of the vehicle.--

Following, please find a MARKED UP VERSION OF THE SPECIFICATION showing all changes made relative to the previous version of the paragraph following the Cross Reference to Related Applications, paragraph 23 and the Abstract –

--[This] The present application is a continuation [patent application] of International Application [Number] No. PCT/SE99/01703, filed 27 September 1999 [which designates the United States; the disclosure] and published in English pursuant to PCT Article 21(2), now abandoned, and which claims priority to Swedish Application No. 9803314-5, filed 30 September 1998. The disclosures of [that application is] both applications are expressly incorporated herein in [its] their entirety.--

--The steering-wheel 1 is made so that the hub 4 merges with a lower part of the shell 5 that extends round a longitudinal axis of the steering column 2. Furthermore, the lower part of the shell 5 merges with a ledge 6 with radial extension in relation to the axis. The ledge 6 merges in its turn with an upper part 7 of the shell. In this way, a bowl-shaped and shell-like structure is formed, in which the upper part of the shell 7 has greater outer dimensions than the lower part [6] 5 of the shell. According to what will be clarified in detail below, the dimensions of parts 5, 7 of the shell and the ledge 6 are chosen to give the steering-wheel 1 its desired properties concerning, for example, energy absorption, natural frequency, strength and weight. In addition, according to what will be described below, the parts 5,6, and 7 form a bowl-shaped element which preferably is arranged so that it encloses the components associated with a safety system which comprises an airbag (not shown in Figure 1).--

--[The invention concerns an] An arrangement for a vehicle steering-wheel [(1) comprising] is taught. The arrangement includes a hub [(4)] for fixing the steering wheel to a steering column [(2)], and a bowl-shaped element [(5, 6, 7)] connected to the hub [(4)] with and having at least one spoke [(8)] which connects] for connecting the [said] bowl-shaped element [(5, 6, 7)] to a steering-wheel rim [(9), the]. The hub [(4)], the bowl-shaped element [(5, 6, 7)] and the spoke [(8)] being] are preferably integrally formed as a single material item. The [invention is characterized in that the said] bowl-shaped element [(5, 6, 7)] constitutes] includes a casing [which encloses] for enclosing an airbag [(12)] and [means (13) for inflating] inflating device for inflating the airbag [(12)] in the event of a collision involving the vehicle[, a]. A wall section [(5, 6)] of the [said] bowl-shaped element [(5, 6, 7)] forming, at least partly[,] forms a part of the [said means (13) for] inflating device for the airbag [(12)]. [By means of the invention, an] The improved arrangement for a vehicle steering-wheel [is provided which] contributes to reduced weight, an optimal utilization of the space adjacent to the steering-wheel hub and a high degree of comfort for the driver of the vehicle.--